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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SCOTT A. BURTON

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002 originally required a reply by February 19, 2003.

Applicant desires additional time to respond to the Office Action, and therefore requests that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended under the provisions of Rule 136(a) to April 19, 2003. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$410.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

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